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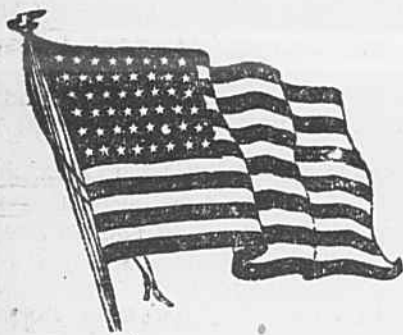
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THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1917.



KERENSKY'S NEW JOB.

CONSIDERABLE effort has been expended to make the world believe that Kerensky is not a dictator, but now that he has assumed the direct command of the armies in addition to the responsibilities of the premiership and of the war portfolio, practical minded people will be compelled to conclude that if he is not a dictator it is because he refuses to dictate.

And there probably never was a time when a little resolution was so much needed. But precious little we know about the situation in Russia. There were times in the careers of both Washington and Lincoln when their contemporaries believed they were hopelessly at sea and did not know from day to day what was going to happen. We know better now, and it may be that Kerensky understands his fellow countrymen better than do the people who are trying to force his hand.

If it is true that there is such serious food shortage in Russia that the civil population of Petrograd has been leaving that town in large numbers a complication that may upset the calculations of the most farsighted leader has entered. On the other hand, the fear of widespread want and suffering may force the contentious political elements of the country to compose their differences for the time being in order that they may present a united front against the common enemy, starvation.

The great danger of the hour is a bloody civil war. If that can be avoided now there will be good reason to hope that it never will occur. Germany will be in no position to press her military advantage when the winter weather sets in and by next spring she will be too much occupied with more pressing matters to meddle much with the affairs of even so close a neighbor as Russia.

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT BY REPUBLICANS.

THERE is no more striking proof that partisan politics has been eliminated on the part of the Republicans in the present crisis than their conduct in connection with the revenue bill while pending in the Senate. The Finance Committee, which prepared the amend-

ments to the bill and reported them to the Senate, has a majority of three Democrats, hence any legislation that comes from that committee may be considered an administration measure. But it remained for the Republicans, in the stirring debate that has taken place in the last few weeks, to stand behind the committee and prevent the measure from being torn to pieces by amendments hurled at it from the Democratic side of the chamber. In most instances they have been successful, but in others, notably the increased tax on publishers of periodicals, the Republicans failed to muster enough support for the committee provision to prevent the adoption of the amendment.

The bill as a whole, as it was reported from the committee, was a conservative measure, and scientifically designed to assess the taxes where they would be the least felt, conserving business interests in order that the sources from which the revenue is to be collected might not be crippled. The sober financial men of the country now realize that if the credit of the United States is to remain unimpaired they must look to the Republicans in Congress to parry the inordinate demands the Democrats are making on industry, and to mold the final shape of the revenue bill so that adequate funds will be supplied without bringing ruin in its wake.

DRAFT FOR ALIENS.

THE resolution proposing the drafting of all aliens who have been in this country for a year or longer, except the subjects of Germany and Germany's allies, will help some to allay the bitterness which has been aroused in Pittsburgh and other industrial centers by the spectacle of fine young Americans being called to the army while young men who could prove that they were not citizens of this country stepped into their jobs; but as the resolution now stands there will be plenty of cause for dissatisfaction left, because in addition to the Germans all the subjects of Austria, of whatever race, are also exempt. For that matter so are Bulgarians, Turks and Armenians.

But it is considerable help as it stands and it requires no small amount of diplomatic activity to go as far it does. Under the treaty relations which this nation maintains with the rest of the world great pains are taken to preserve the rights and immunities of Americans residing in other lands. Similar rights are guaranteed to the people of other countries resident here, and it was necessary to take the matter up with all our allies and get their consent to draft their nationals. With the neutral nations a different procedure was adopted, and it was agreed that their nationals should be permitted to return to their native lands within a specified time if they did not want to assume the same burdens full citizens bear at a time like the present.

As the matter stands in the resolution, which the Senate passed yesterday and which is now before the House, the people of ally nations who are seeking their living in this country must take the same chances with the draft that native born citizens take, and the people of neutral nations must either take this chance or leave the country within 90 days. It is estimated that the new arrangement will add a million men to the potential military strength of the nation, but the most important effect of it will be to ease the tension in the districts where there is a large foreign element among the population. As for the districts where the actual alien enemies and the people of the nations who are allies of Germany are causing hard feelings, if the war goes on any length of time their internment for the duration of the war is bound to be urged with more and more force until the government is finally forced to adopt it in order to prevent local outbreaks of a violent nature. That at least was the course the matter run in Britain.

In his announcement that the new motor for the American battle plane had successfully passed the final tests Secretary of War Baker said yesterday that deliveries of the new machines will begin in a comparatively short time. This will be bad news for the bosses of the German military machine, for they know that once this stage is past this country can go right ahead building planes in huge numbers and at record breaking speed as long as the war lasts. As a matter of fact the big problem now is to train aviators for the machines which will soon be coming along. Breaking the world's construction records will be a trifling affair for a nation that turns out automobiles as fast as we do.

Germany's record for submarine sinkings last week so far as British vessels were concerned was the lowest since the campaign of ruthlessness began last February. Evidently the U-boat not only requires time but a free field for success.

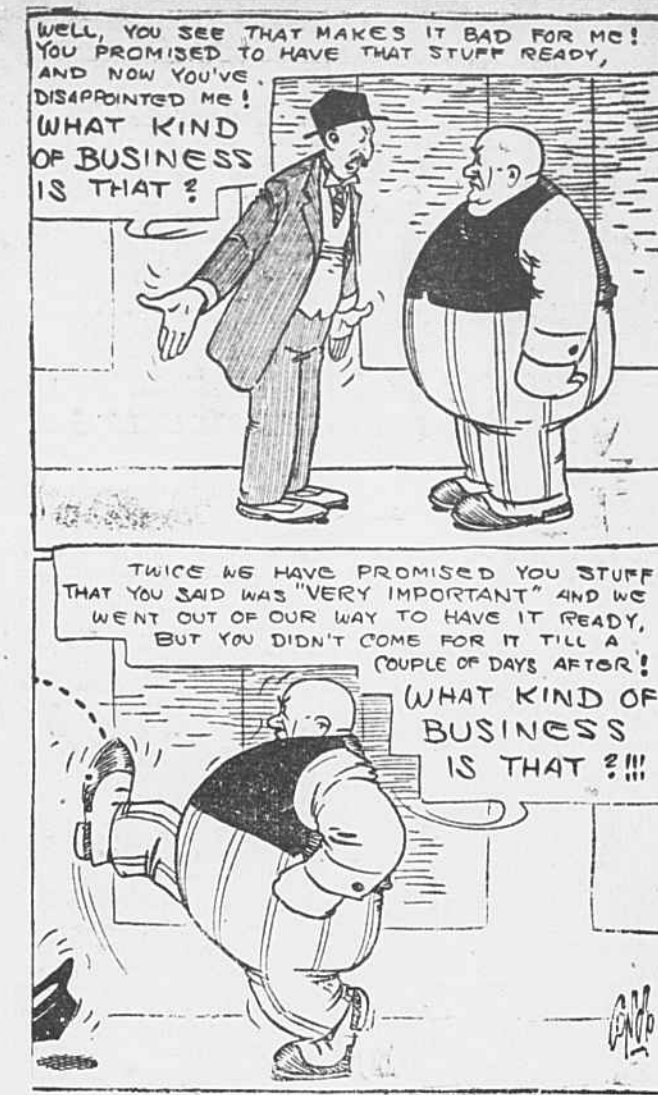
Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, has asked that \$300,000,000 be added to the new billion dollar deficiency bill for the purchase of ordnance. At Washington they are all operating on the old Hoosier principle that it is the better part of wisdom to "git a plenty while you're gittin'."

None of the players of the American league is to be permitted to write articles for the newspapers about the world series games. We have heard that gag before. If they ever enforce it the world series will become considerably less of a nuisance to the self respecting newspapers of the country.

At Washington the diplomatists have figured it out that the future course of Argentine depends upon Germany's action on the Argentinean protest, but the way the crowds are carrying on in the streets of Buenos Aires proves that the situation is not quite so simple as that.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



BITS OF STATE NEWS

One of the most significant facts shown in the report of State Compensation Commissioner Lee Ott, covering the four years in which the workmen's fund has been administered, is that while the total number of accidents reported annually to the commission has steadily increased from 11,418 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, to 21,841 last year, due to a large increase in the number of subscribing employers to the fund, the fatal accidents have as gradually decreased, with one exception, being as follows for the four years 1914-529; 1915-551; 1916-482; 1917-462. The decrease in fatalities, in face of the large increase in the number of risks protected, can only be traced to the greater care and better safety equipment used by the employing concerns to avoid accidents.

West Virginia Knights of Pythias have arranged to pay honor to the Rev. William Gorham, the oldest citizen of Martinsburg and father of the lodge in the state on the occasion of his one hundredth anniversary Oct. 26. Preparations are under way to make it one of the biggest affairs ever held in Martinsburg with all the grand lodge officers present. The grand chancellor, Thomas Ray Dille, of Morgantown, will present the Rev. Mr. Gorham with 100 one dollar gold pieces as a gift of the grand lodge.

In his suggested program for the West Virginia State Council of Defense, Dr. Hastings H. Hart, of the Russell Sage Foundation, has the following to say in regard to the West Virginia Humane Society: "It has never established the standards which are required by every reputable child-placing agency. It has lacked efficient leadership; it has never had competent field agents; its receiving home has been repeatedly the object of criticism."

Davis and Elkins College announce the appointment to its faculty of Jesse H. Riddle, of Davis, one of its graduates and former instructors in the Davis High school. The last two years he has been doing special work at Princeton university. He will be professor of history, economics and political science.

Controversy over the sale, or attempted sale, by the board of education of Cabin Creek district, Kanawha county, of a school lot at Miami, which is said to be underlaid with an oil pool, has just reached the supreme court of appeals. Arguments in the case, which was appealed from the Kanawha common pleas court, were heard last week.

Music teachers of Clarksburg have organized a club, as yet unnamed, which is to be affiliated with the West Virginia Federation of Music Clubs. Mrs. John Cookman is the acting president, and Mrs. E. Clyde Beckett, acting secretary.

Probably no rate case before the public service commission since the celebrated Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company hearing has attracted so much public attention as that of the United Fuel Gas Co., which furnishes gas to Charleston, Huntington, Ceredo and Kenova. When the case was resumed October 1, the protestants will file extended statements of experts to show that the increases asked are not merited.

Miss Clara A. Horsley, of Pratt, Kan., a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has been elected head of teachers' training work in Broadwood Institute, a Baptist denominational institution here. Miss Eloise Somers, of Cumberland, Md., a graduate of Western Maryland College, has been appointed head of the department of history and school management, and Norman L. Hill, of Bainbridge, N. Y., a graduate of Chelton College, has been named as profes-

sor of mathematics.

More provision for instructing the colored people of West Virginia in gardening, household arts and the simpler industries, is recommended to the state school authorities in a survey of conditions just issued by the United States bureau of education and received at the state department of schools.

INDUSTRIAL FAIRMONT

Moving four large green houses a distance of about fifty-six feet without breaking any of the thousands of panes of glass or damaging the framework of the structure in any way is obviously no small task but that has just been accomplished by Joseph Wright and Son moving company. The Fleming green house on Floral avenue in the eighth ward consists of four large houses joined together and covers a large area of ground. The city decided to extend Ridgely avenue to Field street and it was necessary to move the green house to make room for the new street. The four buildings were jacked up, after being thoroughly reinforced with timbers and scaffolding, put on rollers and the slow work of moving began. The building moved forward a few inches each day, and each day the building had to be carefully inspected to insure that the reinforcements were not weakening or the building beginning to spring, as a slight spring in the timbers or frame work of the structure might mean the loss of a great deal of glass. The work has been in progress since about the middle of August and is now completed except for the building of the tile wall upon which the building will rest. Many of the plants which were in the stock of the green houses before the buildings were moved and it will now be necessary for the owner to restock his shop before opening it to the public.

Workmen are engaged in constructing a conduit on Carlton street where it crosses Bell Run preparatory to paving the street. Wooden frames have been erected and will be filled with concrete within a short time. The street is closed to vehicular travel at present, but it is hoped to have it reopened within a short time.

Steps have now been completed up one side of Coal Run ravine and the work will soon be started on the flight which is to make the opposite side "navigable." The steps are necessary to provide the workmen engaged in

No Change in Price

Several people have asked me if the Marvel Furnace has increased in price. I am glad to say that it has not. We can still sell it for \$15.00 and \$20.00, the same as last year. The price may have to be raised later, but at present I will take and fill orders at the old price. Call me if you want one. Telephone No. 244.

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Come and inspect the New Store and the New Things



constructing the bridge an easy means of ascending and descending the steep hillside.

LITIGATE LEGACY.

GOLD HILL, N. C.—Hazel Hurst's stepfather, five years younger than Hazel, divorced his wife and married Hazel's daughter. Hazel's mother died and she has gone to court to find out



how she can keep her son-in-law from inheriting money left her by her mother.



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RUFF STUFF

There are one thing to be said about the delay in fixing it so the girls could swim at the Y. M. C. A.

The bars were lifted just when it got too cold for the dip outdoors.

Those drivers who were compelled to pay fines for speeding on Cleveland avenue probably felt that they were getting a raw deal.

But they are wrong; the Mayor ought to have made it ten for their stupidity in speeding right into the arms of the Chief.

He's certainly big enough to be seen, and every one knows that he hates to arrest them unless he has to.

The Morning Astorisher has discovered that kids are running automobiles in this town contrary to law.

That is encouraging.

It leads to the hope that the cops will find it out next.

Federal authorities yesterday raided the home of Scott Nearing at Toledo.

Whoever "federal authorities" is ought to apply a wet towel to his head.

No one takes Scott Nearing seriously, and he could not do any harm to anything.

If that fellow who brought his wistkey from Chicago came all the way on the B. & O. it ought to be pretty well aged by this time.

Also, if he is on a ten day furlough, how is he going to serve the sixty day term with which Squire Musgrove outfitted him?

"The Mayor has been lenient with them, preferring to reason the matter out."

This refers to his attitude regarding the muffler cut out nuisance.

Most of the nuisance here is due to this leniency.

Fairmont's worst rough neck drivers obey the law when they are in other towns.

When they do forget themselves and give an exhibition of their favorite driving form they pay.

And the fines are not jokes like the ones handed out here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT THEIR CHURCH.

FAIRMONT, Sept. 13.—(Editor The West Virginian)—The article appearing this morning under the heading of colored people staged riot last night might be misleading to the people of our community, inasmuch as it pertains to a church disagreement carried outside of the church. We desire to call the attention of the public to that it was not Trinity M. E. church that was thus brought into the "lime light" of publicity, as has been asked several times since the occurrence, and we only ask you to publish this with the notion of cleaning our skirts of this act. Office of Trinity M. E. church.

Extracting Broken Screw.

A tool for extracting broken set screws is described by the Scientific American as resembling a drill with a coarse left-handed thread. A hole is drilled into what remains of the screw or bolt, the extractor is inserted, and as it turns it exerts a reverse influence on the broken screw and backs the latter out on its own thread.